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Remarks To 9: The NIO/SP should be the representative to the Working Group, per note from DDCI (attached).

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Executive Secretary
24 July 1987

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The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

National Intelligence Council

22 July 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Lawrence K. Gershwin
National Intelligence Officer for Strategic Programs

SUBJECT: NSC Space Policy Review

This is to let you know about an NSC-directed review of overall US space policy that is now getting underway, and to give you a heads-up on some tasking for the Intelligence Community to support that effort. The NSC will be going out with a tasking letter by the end of this week requesting a study comparing US and Soviet space efforts; after talking with us, the NSC Staff people agreed not to specifically ask for a new "joint net assessment." Their plan is to table a draft terms-of-reference for the study at this Friday's Space IG meeting. As they envision it, the study will be done in two parts: civil space (to be prepared jointly by NASA and the DCI) and military space (jointly by DoD and the DCI). The timeframe is the next six weeks for completion of the study, with policy decisions by late October in time for input to the President's FY 1989 budget. (S)


Lawrence K. Gershwin

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SUBJECT: NSC Space Policy Review

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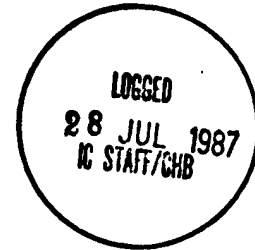
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21 July 1987



MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: *Bob* Space Net Assessment (U)

(S) With the problems that have plagued our space programs over the past few years, contrasted by the recent Soviet successes, the perception exists in some quarters that the Soviet Union has surpassed the United States in space capabilities. The Secretary of Defense thinks it is time to address that perception by initiating a review of our national security space posture relative to the Soviets. Consequently, the Secretary tasked me (Atch 1) to lead a Net Assessment effort with the objective of developing a complete understanding of U.S. and Soviet relative strengths and weaknesses. The assessment will focus on the military and intelligence uses of space. I understand the civil and commercial uses will be addressed separately by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Commerce, and Transportation. Subsequently, the two products will be combined by the National Security Council. Target date for completion of our effort is late fall to support national space policy deliberations.

(U) I will chair a Steering Group to oversee the work and request that either you or Mr. Kerr join me, Dr. Ikle, Mr. Godwin, and Generals Herres and Abrahamson on the group. In addition, please designate a person to participate as your representative on a working group to conduct the assessment, and send his name to the Executive Secretary of the Working Group, Lt Colonel Jim Beale (697-6827).

E. C. Aldridge, Jr.

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

15 JUL 1987

John
MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: Space Net Assessment

With the problems that have plagued our space programs over the past few years, contrasted by the recent Soviet successes, the perception exists that the Soviet Union has surpassed the United States in space capabilities. I think it is time to address that perception by initiating a review of our national security space posture relative to the Soviets. In 1983, we conducted a Space Net Assessment which compared our two programs and provided the foundation of securing approval for the Complementary Expendable Launch Vehicle (CELV) program.

I believe the Net Assessment process is the most logical and balanced approach to ensure policymakers have a complete understanding of our relative strengths and weaknesses. Because of your unique perspective and background, I want you to take the lead and conduct a Net Assessment review emphasizing as a first priority a comparison of launch capabilities. This effort should involve appropriate agencies and departments involved in the national security space program and be completed by late Fall to support DoD and national space policy deliberations.

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